

PRESS RELEASE

The WeCAPS project fully engaged in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic

Accra, Ghana, 26th of June 2020. The Delegation of the European Union, represented by its Ambassador/Head of Delegation, Mrs Diana Acconcia, handed over today COVID19 protection equipment (approx. 80,000 EUR/520,000 GHS: masks, gloves, coveralls, protective eyewear, Hydroalcoholic gel, soap, disinfectant, thermometers, etc.) to the Director General of Ghana Ports and Harbours Authority (GPHA), Michael Achagwe Luguje, in the framework of the WeCAPS - Western and Central Africa Port Security - project.

WeCAPS - *Western and Central Africa Port Security*, a [European Union](#) project implemented by [Expertise France](#), aims to reinforce the safety and security of ports in West and Central Africa. WeCAPS is committed to supporting the efforts of the region's ports to manage and mitigate the impact of the coronavirus. WeCAPS has proposed the GPHA to accompany it in dealing with this crisis situation through three anti Covid-19 support actions, addressed to the ports of Tema and Takoradi. To do so, WeCAPS cooperated with the French Directorate for Security and Defence Cooperation (DCSD), a partner in the project, and the Delegation of the European Union-DEU in Ghana, which listed the ports needs on the spot and referenced suppliers.

Implementing its EU funded actions, WeCAPS today offered the GPHA operational response equipment , It consists mainly of collective protection equipment (thermometers), individual protective clothing and disinfection equipment. This equipment will be used to protect ports employees and stakeholders and will enable them to pursue their activities and carry out safety and security missions while respecting "barrier" gestures.

WeCAPS previously made available to the ports a [knowledge-sharing and distance learning tool](#) on biological risk, with a focus on the COVID-19 disease, as well as a best practice guide, written by the project's civil protection expert. It provides ports stakeholders with basic knowledge on the disease, its modes of propagation and the risk reduction measures.

WeCAPS support actions are essential. They are aimed at helping the partner ports to address their urgent needs in sanitary equipment and enabling the continuation of port activities. With functional ports, goods (especially basic necessities, from food to medical supplies needed to address the pandemic) can be transported to where they are critically needed, supplying the countries of the region.

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The project is part of the [Critical Maritime Routes Programme \(CMR\)](#), an EU-funded framework action aimed at improving the safety and security of maritime routes in the Gulf of Guinea and the wider Indian Ocean.



More information about the project:

- On the website of the European Union's [Critical Maritime Routes programme](#)
- On the website of [Expertise France](#)

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